

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 8, 9, 12-15, 17, 18, and 20-26 are pending in this application. This amendment cancels without prejudice claims 2-5, 8, 9, 12-15, 25 and 26. Claims 17-18, and 20-24 remain for examination.

RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT

Cancellation of claims 1, 7, 16 and 19 and the addition of claims 22-26 were noted and entered in the record.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 5, 8, 12, 22 and 25-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). This amendment cancels without prejudice claims 2, 5, 8, 12, 22 and 25-26.

The Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). This amendment cancels without prejudice claim 3.

The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). This amendment cancels without prejudice claim 4.

The Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). This amendment cancels without prejudice claim 9.

The Examiner rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). This amendment cancels without prejudice claim 13.

The Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). This amendment cancels without prejudice claim 14.

The Examiner rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). This amendment cancels without prejudice claim 15.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

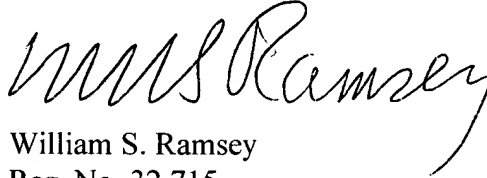
Claims 17-18, and 20-24 are allowed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and early allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

No fee is required for this amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0158. In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 18-0158. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W S Ramsey", written in a cursive style.

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